



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – June 2024

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The Comfort of the Lord's Second Coming

John 16:7, 25, 33

7 But I tell you the truth: it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

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25 These things I have spoken to you in parables; but an hour comes when I will no more speak to you in parables, but will announce to you openly concerning the Father.

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33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you might have peace; in the world you shall have affliction; but have confidence, I have overcome the world.

True Christian Religion 139.4

That by "the Comforter" or "the Holy Spirit" the Lord meant Himself.

True Christian Religion 779

This Second Coming of the Lord is effected by means of a man to whom the Lord has manifested Himself in person, and whom He has filled with His spirit, that he may teach the doctrines of the New Church from the Lord by means of the Word.

Pastor's Notes

In *John* the Lord explained that He is our Comforter who remains with us to eternity as the Spirit of Truth (see John 14 and 16). He also said in *John* that the Comforter, the Lord's Holy Spirit, would teach us all things and remind us of the things which He teaches, especially the things He teaches about Himself (John 14:26; 15:26). And in *True Christian Religion* the Lord explained that by 'the Comforter' the Lord Himself is meant (TCR 139.4).

Based on what it says in *John* and in *True Christian Religion* we can conclude that the Lord is with us in His Second Coming as our Comforter too (see TCR 779). A Second Coming remembered on the 19th of June when in 1770 the Lord sent His disciples

throughout the spiritual world declaring upon the completion of *True Christian Religion* that "the Lord God Jesus Christ reigns whose kingdom shall be for ages and ages" (TCR 791). Perhaps this idea of the Lord as our Comforter in His Second Coming can be seen most clearly in *Revelation* 21:4, "And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor crying, nor shall there be distress any more, for the first things have gone away."

May you find comfort in the Second Coming of the Lord!

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month Tuesday evening, June 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the church. This service will be similar to the one we do before Easter. There will be extended readings about the establishment of the New Church from the *Book of Revelation* and *Apocalypse Revealed*.

Happy are they who have been called to the wedding supper of the Lamb.
Revelation 19:9

WE WILL CELEBRATE NEW CHURCH DAY on Monday, June 19, at 5:00 p.m. See "June Worship" for details.

SUMMER "SUNDAY SCHOOL" SERVICES: Parents, please take careful note about these services, which happen three times during the summer. During the summer the children's talk is not followed by a Sunday School class. Instead, parents are expected to supervise their children in the barn or outside during the sermon (making sure people outside are not within the view of worshippers inside).

It is important that all children actually be supervised in order to protect them from hurting others or having to endure the bad behavior of others. Thank you to parents, individually and collectively, for pulling together to make sure our kids are protected.

In the case of rain, certain indoor spaces may be used in addition to the barn, but it's imperative that an adult be in any room in which there are children, whatever their age. Close supervision matters in these spaces that are developed, used, and cared for by those who work in the school, to whom we need to show respect. All places should of course be left as clean and tidy as you will undoubtedly find them. Available in bad weather (only): the 7th-8th classrooms, and the Commons.

As on every Sunday, please supervise your children when church is over, whether in the Society Room or outside.

WOODS / OUTDOOR SERVICES: On the last Sunday of each summer month (June 30, July 28, August 25, and September 29), there will be an indoor 9:00 a.m. Family Service and a 10:00 a.m. Family Service in the woods. If it rains, the 10:00 a.m. Woods Service will be held indoors, and the 9:00 a.m. indoor service will happen as well.

How to get to the woods: Park at the church, cross the street, and walk down the lane, following the signs. There is also parking in a field at the end of the lane, on the right, for those who prefer not to walk. Please stay on church property (toward the left as you travel the lane), and avoid driving onto our neighbor's property toward the right.

SUMMER DOCTRINAL CLASS: This summer Andy, Lawson, and I are offering a three-class series on a book titled, "Disease, Disaster and Divine Providence" by Rev. Arne Bau-Madsen. The book offers an explanation of how events that happened on earth around the time of the Last Judgment can be understood in the context of Divine Providence.

We hope you will enjoy the classes. Copies of the book will be available after church on Sunday and at Jen's desk.

Location: Old School Village Lounge
Dates (Mondays): June 24, July 29, August 26
Time: 7:30 p.m.

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WORSHIP

- 10:00 AM services live streamed: kemptonnewchurch.org.
- Services can be heard in the library. Parents with babies or little ones are always welcome to be in there, where a basket

of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

*Sunday, June 2, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service.
Usher/Setup: Rich Sidella*

*Sunday, June 9, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.
Usher/Setup: Jesse Fritch*

*Sunday, June 16
9:00 a.m. Young Children's Marionette Service.
Setup: Wade and Maraika Buick
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup: Bengt Boyesen*

*Tuesday, June 18, 7:30 p.m. Holy Supper.
Usher/Setup: Brandon Jungé*

*Wednesday, June 19, 5:00 p.m. New Church Day Pageant. Ushers: Cade Cole, Nathaniel Cole.
Pageant followed by picnic and potluck dessert.*

*Sunday, June 23, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.
Usher/Setup: Ted LaMastra*

*Sunday, June 30
9:00 a.m. Family Service, Indoors. Usher/Setup: Laif Judson
10:00 a.m. Woods Service. Setup: Curtis McQueen, Laban Genzlinger*

CLASSES

Please contact the minister leading the class if you would like to attend virtually. He will share a Zoom link with you (if the location has internet connection), which will let you join by phone or video.

Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.

Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. Men's Divine Providence Class at OSV.

Thursday, June 13, 10:00 a.m. Heaven and Hell class at OSV. Read numbers 311 - 317, that Heaven is from the Human Race.

Monday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. Summer Doctrinal Class at OSV.

CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

June is a busy month for our church and school. It is also a great month to contribute to Endowment or the West End Renovation project. Thanks to all our staff and volunteers for helping keep our costs in check and for giving so much talent to the uses of the church here in Kempton. Our fiscal year ends June 30th. We would love your support. Mark, for the Committee.

EVENTS

Ladies Handwork: Every Wednesday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Old School Village (no handwork on June 19th).

Weeding at the KNC: Every Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (beginning on June 11th)

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Jared and Natalie Eads on the baptism of their son, Finnian Asher, on May 12th, 2024.

Congratulations to Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs on the baptism of their son, Theodore Schuyler, on May 24th, 2024.

Jesus said, Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of the heavens.
Matthew 19:14

Congratulations to the following graduates!

From the Kempton New Church School: Brahm Cole, Josiah Genzlinger, Brynna King, Marcela Marcune-Brown, Rafe McQueen, Hayden Muth and Lauren Stewart

Maren Cole graduated *cum laude* from Kutztown University with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Caleb Genzlinger: After completing a high school education at Whitehall Coplay Highschool, and two additional years in vocational programs, Caleb is graduating with his Highschool diploma!

Theo Judson graduated *magna cum laude* and with honors in International Studies from Muhlenberg

College. He will be attending Johns Hopkins in the fall.

James King graduated with an AA in Criminal Justice from LCCC (Lehigh Carbon Community College) in December, 2023. He is currently attending Kutztown University, where he is working towards a BA in Criminal Justice.

Seni King is now a Nurse Midwife. She graduated with her Masters degree from Thomas Jefferson University last week. She will be sitting for the national board exam of nurse midwives sometime this summer to earn her CNM, please wish her luck!

Clara LaMastra will be graduating from Berks County Technology Center, Heavy Equipment Operations program, and from Kutztown Area High School. Clara also was presented with the Donald Reinert Scholarship Award, given by Kutztown Young Farmer Chapter, at the annual Kutztown FFA Banquet.

Children's Gifts for New Church Day on June 19th: It's almost here, and I have a few important requests:

1. If your children cannot attend the 5:00 p.m. June 19th service, PLEASE let me know so I can hold their gifts separately for pickup another time. It is a small thing that really makes the job easier. Call or text me.
2. Please let me know of any visitors that will be attending the service, as we like to give a gift to every child.
3. We always seek donations to make the purchase of gifts and materials possible. If you are inspired to give to this use, please make checks to *Heart and Hand* and send to Judy Synnestvedt at 72 Mountain Road, Kempton, PA 19529. Thanks.
4. Finally, if your child no longer uses a gift or book from previous years, I am always glad to recycle, reuse, or rehome.
– Heather King (484-860-0973)

ALSO regarding June 19th gifts: You are invited to come help label the gifts on Monday, June 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Adults only.

New Church Day Pageant: It's not too early to start thinking about New Church Day! If you would like to participate in the pageant this year, in any capacity, we would love to have you! We need: male and female actors of all ages, young women

and girls who like to sing (but don't have to appear on stage), ironing costumes help, set building help the days leading up to the pageant, and set-up help the day of, we also need help turning the back lawn of the church into a beautiful area fit for a wedding as we celebrate the Lord as the Bridegroom of the Church. Please let Becky or Jordan know if you feel called to help! Thank you!

New Church Craft Sale (and Display!)

Society Room, Sat. June 8th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

What a good time of year to encourage the making of beautiful and useful things that reflect the Doctrines of the New Church! Whether it's with traditional artwork, food, household items, or adornments, one way to share the Word is to express ideas or stories from Scripture and the Heavenly Doctrines in the works of our hands. This year, in addition to having items for sale, we are encouraging people to bring items for display, and we'd like to involve all ages in the endeavor. So whether you've got crafts to sell, or have made such things without meaning to sell them - perhaps as gifts, education, or for use in your own home - please contact Ayisha (215-407-3001 Ayisha.Synnestvedt@gmail.com)

for a table/ display space. You could even bring items you're still working on – people like to see works in progress! Crafters, Artists, & Artisans: either price your items, or clearly mark them "Not for sale" or "For display only." Talk to me if you'd like help displaying your artwork (e.g. on an easel or wall rather than on a table). Suggested donation for your table is \$1-10, or whatever portion of your sales you'd like to give to the Kempton Church. Set-up opens at 8 am.

Invitation to brush up your Latin this summer:

For those who would like to dust off their rusty Latin, I am proposing to hold a few “classes” this summer. The object will be to do a quick review of forms and syntax, and then go into translating passages from the Heavenly Doctrine. It will be low-key, once in June and occasionally thereafter depending on demand and availability. I am proposing to hold the first session on Thursday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. (At the school; date and time negotiable).

The class will be geared to those who have once had or presently have a reasonable working knowledge

of Latin and want a review and some fun translating—to all such it is cordially open! (It is not a good fit for those who are new to Latin.) Please let me know if interested. Kate

Kempton Lions Club Golf Outing: Sunday, June 2nd at 1:30 p.m. If you want to play, talk to any Lion to register with your foursome. It's a very fun day and all the proceeds help your Kempton neighbors in need. Kempton Lions Club includes members Steve Hendricks, Jeremy Synnestvedt, Tom Kerr, Mark Wyncoll, John Walker, Cedric Lumsden and Curtis McQueen.

Caleb's Café: Summer hours will begin June 14th. Summer hours will be Fridays 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. **NOTE**—The cafe will be closed the first week of June (6th, 7th, 8th). If you have any questions please call or text Roxanne at 610-662-3902.

Bread available for purchase: Hello all, I'm still baking regularly and can have sourdough loaves for you on a day or two notice! \$6 for plain and \$7 if you want a flavor. You can check out “Kempton Loaf” on Facebook for some flavor ideas! Thanks, Eliza (text me at 781-879-7186) or email emgenz@gmail.com

Sesquicentennial Celebration for Kempton:

The planning committee for Kempton's 150th birthday celebration (coming in September) is asking for names of veterans and current service members who have lived or do live in Albany Twp. We would also love photos of everyday life and people in Albany Township over the last 50 or so years. Any questions can be directed to Katrina Long, member of the planning committee at 484-764-6916 or kdasmiley@yahoo.com

Apartment at Old School Village: A two-bedroom apartment will be available to rent (to members of the church) in late June or early July. Open to: 1) those 60-years-and-above wanting to secure the space for the long haul by paying the OSV entry fee, or 2) adult/s of any age wanting to rent month-by-month without having to pay the entry fee. Please call Tom (484-436-1014) or Carla (610-756-4376) Kerr or Shanon Smith (610-756-0093).

Free: Small Char griller for free. It's been sitting in the weather so it needs a little sanding and some temperature proof black paint. Call Jeremy 484 793 0525

Looking for up to 6, 2” x 12” shelving planks for classroom. If anyone has a spare plank or so, I’d love to claim them! Thanks, Vivienne

SCHOOL NEWS

School Closing is on Friday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m. All are invited. Parents, please have your children in their classrooms between 9:45 and 9:55 a.m.

High school Graduation is on Friday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m., on the lawn outside the society room. All are invited!

Parents of KNCS students who use the bus: there will be **no busing on Friday, June 7th**. Also, since there is no afternoon school on June 4th, 5th or 6th, there will be no 2:45 p.m. bus on those days.

The Fun-Events Group Presents:

SUMMER CARNIVAL! 12:45 to 4:00 P.M., Thursday, June 6th, at KNC. An enticing flyer describing this major happening is attached. Check it out!

I am Looking Forward to the Summer Carnival and have a few things to share.

1. Pie-Eating Contest! Please sign up for this now so we know how many pies to get. Whoever eats their 4” pie the fastest – with NO HANDS! – will win a gift certificate to Dunkin’ Donuts. Participants must be 10 years or older (adults are encouraged to join in!). The signup sheet, on the church/school office counter, is limited to 25 people (you can call Jen McQueen or me to have your name put down). Additional people will be allowed to sign up on the day of the Carnival, but only about 5 to 7.

2. The Cakewalk! This event will be for grownups only. Every participant is a WINNER! We will be giving away desserts for prizes. \$10 entry fee. All proceeds go into the special education fund. Come win one for your family! Sign-ups for this game will be at the carnival and the spots will be limited to the amount of donations received. Come early to secure your spot! The cakewalk begins at 2:00PM.

We are looking for donations of desserts. If you would like to bake or buy a dessert to be a prize in our cakewalk, that would be great. Please sign up at the church/school office counter, or let me know.

Thanks for supporting the Carnival. All ages are invited to come enjoy it – Leona

ANNIVERSARIES

Love truly conjugal is from heaven, and its first being is from the marriage of good and truth there. *Arcana Coelestia* 10168

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Jamen and Briana Schrock
on the 1st – 22 years

Bob and Marilyn Hunsaker
on the 7th – 66 years

Steve and Denise Hendricks
on the 7th - 49 years

Jordan and Becky Cooper
on the 9th – 17 years

Hugh and Margaret Heinrichs
on the 10th - 63 years

Josh and Shannon Weil
on the 11th - 8 years

Ian and Wellesley Keal
on the 12th – 48 years

Josh and Michele Brown
on the 13th - 26 years

Aaron and Anna Asplundh
on the 14th - 27 years

Jared and Natalie Eads
on the 17th – 1 year

Dale and Gray Glenn
on the 21st - 55 years

Gale and Emily Smith
on the 24th - 64 years

Alex and Janina Walbert
on the 24th – 1 year

Jesse and Leona Fritch
on the 27th - 26 years

Seth and Heather King
on the 29th - 28 years

Justin and Anndwyn Hendricks
on the 29th - 16 years

Cairn and Seni King
on the 30th - 17 years

